



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Sacramento – Gunman Kills Deputy and Wounds Two From California Highway Patrol**

(U) While investigating a suspected car-theft ring being run out of a local hotel, local law enforcement was fired upon by a suspect with a high powered rifle, killing one and wounding two. The suspect fled the scene afterwards but was pursued by law enforcement and detained. The shooter was found with a rifle and high-capacity magazine, which are illegal to purchase in California, according to a Sacramento County Sheriff's spokesman. Two women were also arrested after a car chase related to the operation. SOURCE: 30 August 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Motel 6 to Pay Settlement in Human Trafficking Suit**

(U) Motel 6 has agreed to pay \$250,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by Los Angeles that alleged one of the chain's locations was the base for human traffickers, drug dealers and gang members. Since 2013, LAPD had made more than 60 arrests at the location for a variety of crimes ranging from prostitution and battery to firearms possession and drug-related charges. SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

##### **(U) Richmond – North Richmond Gang Faces 33 Charges in Crime-Spree Killings and Robberies**

(U) A North Richmond street gang was behind a violent East Bay crime spree last year that included the killings of three people and a shooting of an Orinda school board member and the pistol-whipping of her husband as they were robbed in their driveway. The gang has been linked to three homicides, 14 attempted murders, two carjackings, six armed robberies, and four home burglaries in 12 cities within Alameda and Contra Costa counties. SOURCE: 30 August 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Texas – Explosions Reported at Flood-Hit Arkema Chemical Plant**

(U) Austin – Two explosions were reported at the flood-hit Arkema plant in Crosby, Texas, and a sheriff's deputy was taken to hospital after inhaling chemicals. The company said further explosions of organic peroxides stored on site were possible and urged people to stay away as the fire burns itself out. Arkema said the company had no way to prevent fires because the plant is swamped by about 6 feet of water due to flooding from Harvey, which knocked out power to its cooling system. SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### **(U) Algeria – Suicide Bomb Attacker Targets Algerian Police Post**

(U) Algiers – A suicide attack on a police station in western Algeria killed two policemen after one officer jumped on the attacker to protect his colleagues from the blast. An armed militant wearing a suicide belt tried to enter the police post in Tiaret, about 190 miles west of Algiers. It is currently unknown who the attacker was affiliated with, but al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb and the Islamic State of Iraq and

ash-Sham (ISIS) both have a presence in North Africa.

SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Belgium – Belgian Court Holds Man Over Terrorist Offense Plan**

(U) Brussels – Belgian authorities are keeping a 22-year-old man in custody on suspicion that he was planning to carry out a “terrorist offense.” Belgium’s Federal Prosecutor’s Office said Hajar A. was remanded in custody for a month by a court in the city of Liege. The court issued an arrest warrant for the man on 25 August and charged him with “having left national territory with a view to committing, in Belgium or abroad, a terrorist offense.”

SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Libya – Car Bomb Kills Two Libyan Troops in Checkpoint Attack**

(U) Benghazi – At least two troops with Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar’s forces were killed today when a car bomb exploded at a checkpoint in the area of Nawfiliya. Haftar’s Libyan National Army, one of the most powerful brigades in Libya, have been fighting against militants and other forces in eastern Benghazi and are currently besieging the city of Derna to oust militants there. Nawfiliya is approximately 50 miles from Ras Lanuf, one of Libya’s most important oil exporting ports, and Libyan officials worry that ISIS may try to regroup there after being driven from Sirte last year.

SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Buckingham Palace Sword Suspect Charged with Terrorism Offense**

(U) London – A Luton man was charged with engaging in the preparation to commit an act or acts of terrorism on Constitution Hill in central London after committing the attack on 25 August. Three police officers sustained minor injuries after Mohiussunnath Choudhury, 26, allegedly drove a car at them outside the palace and then reached for a 4-foot sword. Choudhury will appear at Westminster magistrates court later today.

SOURCE: 31 August 2017, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) California – California Man Admits to Constructing US-Mexico Drug-Smuggling Tunnel**

(U) Calexico – A California man pleaded guilty on 28 August to attempting to construct a drug-smuggling tunnel across the US-Mexico border. Habib Mujica, 35, was arrested in May in connection with the tunnel upon returning to the US from Mexico after he spent six years in a Mexican prison for trafficking guns. Homeland security agents previously arrested Mujica in 2011 after discovering his operation inside a warehouse in Calexico. While imprisoned, Mujica reportedly told a partner to lease the new warehouse and buy tunnel-building equipment like pipes, a jackhammer, electric saws, a forklift and air compressors.

SOURCE: 30 August 2017, [Fox News](#)

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